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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/973,445  
Applicant(s) : Panandiker et al.  
Filed : October 9, 2001  
Title : Laundering Aid for Preventing Dye Transfer  
TC/A.U. : 1751  
Examiner : Gregory R. Del Cotto  
Conf. No. : 5965  
Docket No. : 8297  
Customer No. : 27752

1. ☒ No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

|   | (Col. 1)                                  |       | (Col. 2)                              | (Col. 3)          | OTHER THAN A<br>SMALL ENTITY |     |
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| INDEP.                                    | * 2                                       | MINUS | *** 3                                 | =                 | x \$86 =                     | \$  |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM |   |       |                                       |                   | + \$290 =                    | \$  |
|   |   |       |                                       |                   | TOTAL                        | \$  |

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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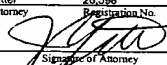
The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated 10/24/2003 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$0 for a 0-month extension of time.
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 10/24/03, please amend the application and consider the following arguments in support of patentability.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 4 of this paper.